

Funding for local arts projects

Ngā pūtea mō ngā toi te haukāinga

Waitomo District Council have a partnership with Creative New Zealand to promote, support and increase participation in community arts and cultural activities in the Waitomo district. Each year Creative New Zealand provides Creative Communities Scheme (CCS) funding to WDC to distribute. There are two funding rounds a year, closing in May and November. There is no maximum amount you can apply for, however, grants usually range between \$200 - \$2,000.

With the support of a CCS grant, the Mokau Museum and Art Gallery held a very successful bone and wood carving symposium in April. Special guest speaker Stephen Myhre is a carver, teacher, and author of highly regarded book 'Bone carving - a skill-based of techniques and concepts'. Stephen has carved in bones and stone since the 1970's and has exhibited works throughout New Zealand and internationally. Two workshops were provided by Stephen over the weekend and drew registrations from nine students who were given the opportunity to develop new skills and techniques. Around 200 people visited the symposium to view the students and their tutor at work.

The event promoted an understanding of the ancient art of bone and wood carving and helped to raise the profile of the Mokau Museum and Art Gallery. Due to the popularity of the workshop, a second was held over Labour Weekend and there are plans to extend to other art forms. The Mokau team are looking forward to providing more activities in their small but creative community.

Get Creative Waitomo!

We encourage individuals and groups who are involved in community-based art activities to make an application to the Creative Communities Scheme Fund. Projects that get funded do at least one of the following:

1. **encourage participation** by creating opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in local arts activities,
2. **support the diverse** artistic cultural traditions of local communities,
3. **enable young people** (under 18 years) to engage with, and participate in the arts.

Tips for making an application:

- Start **planning well in advance**. Remember a project must not have started before an application for funding is assessed. Applications are considered approximately three weeks after the application closing date. You can expect to receive notification of the result within the four weeks following the decision.
- Be prepared with **supporting documents**, such as a detailed proposal and quote for requested funding; how much funding is required, how much you have in hand, and how the shortfall will be met.
- **Get in touch** with our Community Development Coordinator Clowdy Ngatai if you need guidance through the application process.

Whether your project is to hold a workshop, performance, exhibition or an arts activity that brings together groups from a range of different communities, we encourage you to consider applying for funding through the CCS. The closing date for the next Creative Communities funding round is **Friday 17 November 2017**. The CCS application form and guide are available on our website www.waitomo.govt.nz/CCSfund



Stephen Myhre

The collective amount available for distribution under the Regional Arts Pilot and Creative Communities Scheme is around **\$13,000**



Creative NZ, the Creative Communities Committee and WDC would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Mokau Museum and Art Gallery on a successful workshop and winning the Visitor Experience Award at the ServiceIQ 2017 New Zealand Museum Awards.

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